# Utility Consumer Complaints Report, 2nd Quarter, 2007

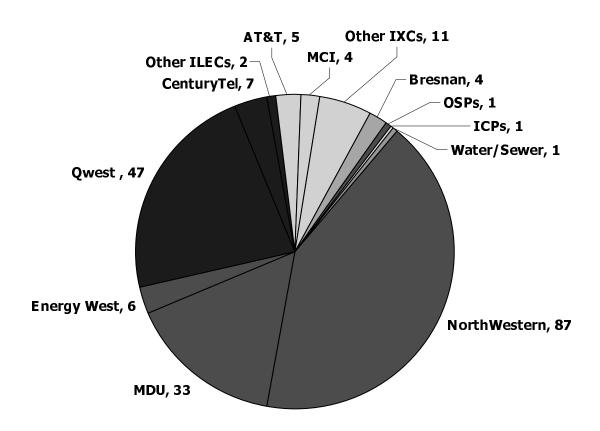








## 2nd Quarter 2007 Complaints By Utility Total—209



OSP—Operator Service Providers ICP— Inmate Calling Providers

#### **Complaint Percentages By Utility**

#### <u>Weighted Average</u> (Based on '06 Customer Base)

| NorthWestern Energy | 41.63%                | .024%                |
|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| MDU                 | 15.79%                | .039%                |
| Energy West         | 2.87%                 | .022%                |
| Qwest               | 22.49%                | .016% (based on # of |
| CenturyTel          | 3.35%                 | access lines)        |
| Other ILECs         | $\boldsymbol{0.96\%}$ |                      |
| AT&T                | 2.39%                 |                      |
| MCI                 | 1.91%                 |                      |
| Other IXCs          | 5.26%                 |                      |
| Bresnan             | 1.91%                 |                      |
| OSPs                | .48%                  |                      |
| ICPs                | .48%                  |                      |
| Water/Sewer         | .48%                  |                      |
|                     |                       |                      |

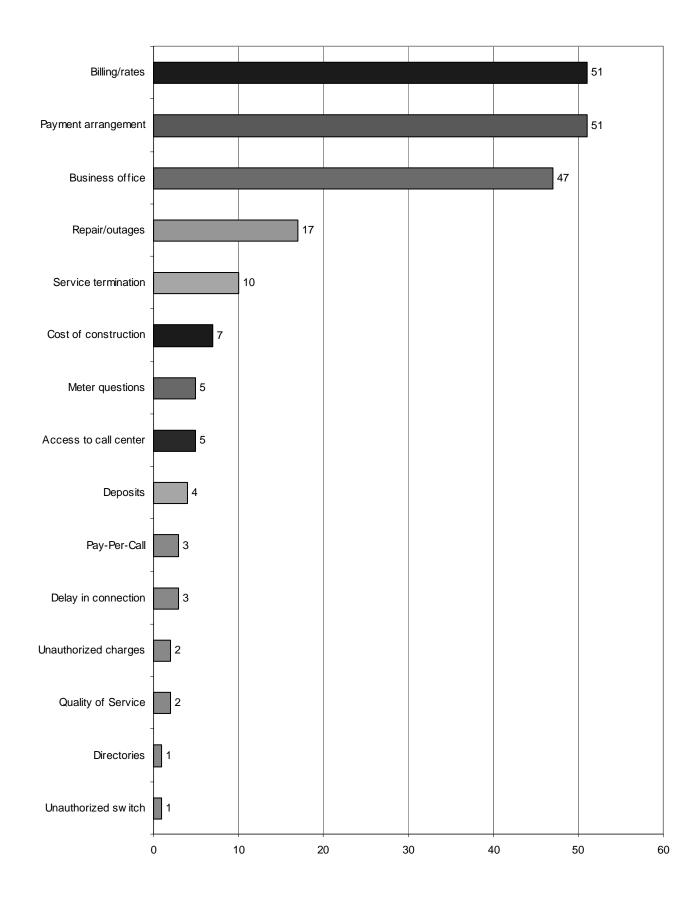
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| Complaints by Service Type | Percentage of Total |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Energy—126                 | 60.29%              |
| Telecommunications—82      | 39.23%              |
| Water/Sewer—1              | .48%                |
|                            |                     |
| Total 209                  | 100.00%             |

#### **Type and Number of Complaints By District**

|                                 | <u>Dist. 1</u> | <u>Dist. 2</u> | Dist. 3 | Dist. 4 | <u>Dist. 5</u> | <b>Total</b> |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------|---------|----------------|--------------|
| 1. Billing/Rates                | 4              | 11             | 11      | 11      | 14             | 51           |
| 2. Business Office              | 9              | 9              | 10      | 4       | 15             | 47           |
| 3. Cram                         | 0              | 0              | 1       | 0       | 1              | 2            |
| 4. Payment Arrangements         | 12             | 16             | 9       | 6       | 8              | 51           |
| 5. Access to Business<br>Office | 1              | 1              | 0       | 2       | 1              | 5            |
| 6. Repair                       | 6              | 2              | 4       | 3       | 2              | 17           |
| 7. Slam                         | 0              | 0              | 0       | 1       | 0              | 1            |
| 8. Delay in Connection          | 0              | 1              | 1       | 0       | 1              | 3            |
| 9. Termination                  | 2              | 5              | 1       | 2       | 0              | 10           |
| 10. Meter Questions             | 0              | 2              | 2       | 1       | 0              | 5            |
| 11. Pay-Per-Call                | 0              | 0              | 0       | 0       | 3              | 3            |
| 12. Deposits                    | 0              | 1              | 2       | 1       | 0              | 4            |
| 13. Cost of Construction        | n 0            | 4              | 3       | 0       | 0              | 7            |
| 14. Directory Listings          | 0              | 0              | 0       | 0       | 1              | 1            |
| 15. Quality of Service          | 1              | 0              | 0       | 0       | 1              | 2            |
| Total                           | 35             | 52             | 44      | 31      | 47             | 209          |

### **2nd Quarter 2007 Consumer Complaints By Category**



# **Number of Complaints**

|         | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> | Percent of Change |
|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| April   | 103         | 83          | (19.42%)          |
| May     | 96          | 62          | (35.42%)          |
| June    | 91          | 64          | (29.67%)          |
|         |             |             |                   |
| Total   | 290         | 209         | (27.93%)          |
|         |             |             |                   |
|         |             |             |                   |
|         | <u>2007</u> | <u>2007</u> |                   |
| -       | <b>-</b>    | April 22    | 40.7007           |
| January | 59          | 83          | 40.68%            |

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|----------|-----|-------------------|----------|
| February | 92  | <u>May</u> 62     | (32.61%) |
| March    | 71  | <u>June</u><br>64 | (9.86%)  |
| Total    | 222 | 209               | (5.86%)  |

### **Number of Calls**

|          | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u>          | <b>Percent of Change</b> |
|----------|-------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| April    | 911         | 692                  | (24.04%)                 |
| May      | 847         | 585                  | (30.93%)                 |
| June     | 851         | 603                  | (29.14%)                 |
| Total    | 2,609       | 1,880                | (27.94%)                 |
| January  | 2007<br>809 | 2007<br>April<br>692 | (14.46%)                 |
| February | 749         | <u>May</u><br>585    | (21.90%)                 |
| March    | 774         | <u>June</u> 603      | (22.09%)                 |
|          |             |                      |                          |
| Total    | 2,332       | 1,880                | (19.38%)                 |